

# Education - Secondary and K-12



A dynamic series of courses and experiences emphasizing reflection and decision-making in teaching will help you develop knowledge and process skills and attitudes necessary for effective teaching. At the completion of a program, students are ready to assume responsibilities for classroom teaching and are prepared to continue developing as a professional. UW-Eau Claire has earned an excellent reputation for the quality of prepared teachers for secondary schools, and has graduates employed throughout Wisconsin and the United States.

## Prepared for Success

Secondary education is segmented into two options. Each option will require you complete a major and minor, double major, or comprehensive major.

### Early adolescence through adolescence (grades 5-12)

#### *Comprehensive Majors*

- Earth and Space Science
- English
- Mathematics
- Physical Science

- Physics-Mathematics (emphasis in Physics or Mathematics)
- Social Studies

#### *Majors*

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Political Science

#### *Minors*

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Coaching
- Economics

“To me, being a Blugold means family. Everyone I have met is so passionate about their work at UW-Eau Claire—alumni, current students, and faculty alike. It feels wonderful to be a part of an institution that has touched so many!

— Emily Kassera |  
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- English
- French
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- History
- Learning Disabilities
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Theatre Arts

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# Education - Secondary and K-12 (continued)

Early childhood through adolescence (grades K-12)

## *Comprehensive Majors*

- Art
- Kinesiology
- Music, Instrumental/Choral
- Music, Instrumental/General

## *Majors*

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Theatre Arts

## *Minors*

- Adaptive Physical Education
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Theatre Arts

## Why UW-Eau Claire

### Accreditation

Our Education Studies programs are accredited by Northcentral Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Wisconsin Department Public Instruction.

### Hands-On Experience

Students have the opportunity to experience work in classrooms even before they enter the program. In your sophomore year, you will assist teachers in elementary, middle and secondary school learning environments to become acquainted with the responsibilities of teaching and the organization of schools in general. In your junior year, you receive classroom teaching experience by serving as a Teaching Assistant. Students may also choose an intercultural immersion trip to Washington, D.C., Minneapolis or Milwaukee. These options introduce students to a broad array of school settings. Instructional and informational technology are

integrated throughout the program, providing for mastery of emergent tools and materials.

### Student Teaching

As a senior you will apply your knowledge through a full semester of student teaching or interning. Students may participate in student teaching experiences in a variety of settings outside of the Eau Claire area, including a program in the Aldine School District in Houston, Texas.

### Get Involved / Student Orgs

The extras can make all the difference! UW-Eau Claire provides Education majors with many opportunities to get involved in the community and gain hands-on experience. Aspiring Educators is a student organization for all pre-service teachers that offers many ways to connect with local schools and fellow students. ECLIPSE is an AmeriCorps program that assigns pairs of students to area preschool classrooms to help improve the language, literacy and social skills of 3-5 year olds. Students can work with children at the ECLIPSE sites as work study or service-learning. For students interested in supporting high school students from low-income and first-generation families, UW-Eau Claire hosts an Upward Bound program on campus. Another service-learning option is our Reading Partners program in which students work directly with a child or family to help improve literacy skills.

## Special Admission Guidelines

Students must apply for entrance to the Secondary Education program. Application deadline to the program is March 1 or October 1 of each year. Application does not guarantee admission to the program. Individual programs may require additional application materials. Contact our office for more information.